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Dear Dr. Dinneen:

In response to your letter of 14 July 1979, I am pleased to state that I will indeed support your proposal for the establishment of a Senior Executive Service in the Defense Intelligence Agency.

The benefits and incentives for senior intelligence managers which such a proposal would provide are absolutely essential to insure that the Intelligence Community maintains the ability to compete effectively with other Government agencies and with the private sector to obtain and retain the highest quality people.

As you know, I have lent my support to an earlier proposal to create a Senior Cryptologic Executive Service within the National Security Agency. As to the Central Intelligence Agency, a high level working group under Deputy Director Carlucci has recently begun work on formulating the details of what will be a Senior Service for CIA's senior personnel.

I look forward to reviewing your final proposal and encourage you to have your action officers contact my Office of Legislative Counsel should you need assistance in securing either Administration support or early Congressional action on this important program.

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